IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1822 OF 2006

Vishnu Gangaram Pilankar ...Applicant

V/s

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent.

Ms. M.H. Mhatre, APP for the State.

CORAM: V.M. KANADE, J.

DATE: 5th May, 2006

P.C.

1. This is an application for bail. The applicant has sent a letter through Jail which has been treated as criminal application for bail. I had directed the learned APP to take instructions.

2. The learned APP submits that the offence under MCOC Act has been registered against the present applicant and the trial has commenced in July 2005 and nine witnesses have already been examined. It is submitted that the applicant is a history sheeter and, therefore, if he is released on bail he may threaten the witnesses or tamper with the evidence.

3. Since trial has already commenced and nine

witnesses have been examined, in my view, at this stage question of considering the application for bail does not arise. However, the Sessions Court is directed to decide his case as expeditiously as possible and, in any case, within a period of six months.

4. Application is accordingly disposed of. Office to send a copy of this order to the applicant who is in Arther Road Jail.

V.M. KANADE, J.